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ABSTRACT: This document constitutes an Environmental Assessment prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. Probable environmental impacts and potential mitigation measures have been identified for alternatives to the site selection and relocation of the Social Security Administration Headquarters operations at the Metro West facility in the City of Baltimore, Maryland to either the Wabash Avenue Site, located at 6100 Wabash Avenue; or the Liberty Village Site, located at 2600 Liberty Heights Avenue. The new facility would house approximately 1,918 personnel and would consist of approximately 538,000 rentable square feet and 1,076 parking spaces.

GSA has identified the Wabash Avenue Site Alternative as the Preferred Alternative for the SSA's Metro West Facility Relocation. This alternative is the site, which GSA believes would best fulfill its statutory mission and responsibilities, giving consideration to economic, environmental, technical and other factors.

Two action alternatives for the proposed relocation of the Social Security Administration's Metro West facility in Baltimore, Maryland are analyzed in this EA: the Wabash Avenue Site and the Liberty Village Site. In addition, as required by NEPA, the No-Action Alternative is studied in detail.

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